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Requests for test services at DTC test ranges should be submitted as early as possible to allow DTC to plan, coordinate, and schedule resources, and ensure that required safety, security, and environmental concerns have been properly addressed prior to the test.

## **Testing for Commercial Entities**

For the purpose of submitting a Request for Test Services, **commercial entity** is defined as:

- any U.S. commercial user (a profit-making organization or individual),
- a non-government sponsored university/college, or
- U.S. state and local governments

Public Law 103-160, the FY94 Defense Authorization Act, Section 846, amended Title 10, U.S. Code, to add Section 2681, "Use of Test and Evaluation installations by commercial entities". This section permits the Department of Defense to contract with commercial users to perform

test services at DTC test ranges.

Public Law 103-160, the FY94 Defense Authorization Act, Section 804, amended Title 10, U.S. Code, to add Section 2539b, "Availability of Samples, Drawings, Information, Equipment, Materials, and Certain Services". This section permits the Department of Defense to:

- 1. sell, rent, lend, or give samples, drawings, and manufacturing or other information (subject to the rights of third parties) to any person or entity;
- 2. sell, rent, or lend government equipment or materials to any person or entity; and
- 3. make available to any person or entity, at an appropriate fee, the services of any government laboratory, center, range, or other testing facility for the testing of materials, equipment, models, computer software, and other items.

The intent of this legislation is to provide increased access to Department of Defense (DoD) facilities by commercial users. It is not the intent of the legislation, however, that the DoD compete against U.S. private industry in providing testing services. Therefore, in order to assure there will be no issue of competition between the Government and private industry because of the conducting or furnishing of test and/or test services, the purchaser (private industry company) must warrant that:

- no non-Government organization is known which presently has facilities which can be made available to perform the test and/or test services with comparable quality or on a more timely basis, and
- the conduct of the test and/or test services requires the use of specialized facilities and skills located at DTC test ranges.

If you are ready, Begin your Request for Test Services.

